

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met September 5, 2006, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Eriksen.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the August 22 meeting
2. 16 Approved the bi weekly pay claims
3. 23 Placed on file the office reports from Hall and Howard County Juvenile Services
4. 24 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. 25 Placed on file communications as received

Lancaster stated that item #10 to accept and place on file Hall County Inventories will be delayed for two weeks.

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES August 2006

JUVENILE REFERRALS	37 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	1 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	269 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$1,225.00

OFFICE REPORT HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES August 2006

JUVENILE REFERRALS	3 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	29 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$ 450.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$1,100.00

CINDY PREISENDORF PRESENTATION ON TRANSPORTATION ACCESS PROJECT – Judy Vohland was present stating the Transportation Access Project addressed the need for expanded public transit services in Hall County. Cindy Preisendorf was the TAP project Coordinator and is present to discuss the study. There are also people present to offer testimony as to why it is necessary.

Terry Sautter with Workforce Development stated that is necessary to extend the hours for public transportation to meet the needs in the community. It is important to retain the current services but they need to be updated.

Cindy Preisendorf reviewed the power point presentation of the project. Consumer surveys were distributed and Dr Eric Jones of Central Community College tabulated the survey results and Brice McDowell assisted with data analysis and compilation. Moore & Associates were hired as consultants for the technical assistance.

She reviewed the information contained in the report.

Ms. Preisendorf noted two key points

- They do not advocate to eliminate the demand response service that is currently in place
- They do not advocate to increase costs to the taxpayers or to city and county governments

Marlene Ferguson with Economic Development spoke in support of the Transportation Access Project and the need for reliable transposition for the community.

Chris Nolan Brown with Goodwill Industries noted the Ride Program in Kearney Nebraska and stated their organization spends a lot of money on transportation services.

Jeff Burke stated that he uses the handi bus system and depends on it go get him to work. He stated that an expanded system would make him more independent.

Chuck Leetch also served on the committee and stated that most people can get in their car and drive but if something changes and you cannot drive it is important to have a good system. It affects your independence.

Terry Sautter called for questions and Arnold noted that there are issues when people cannot drive and need to get some where and there isn't a public transportation system.

When the city reaches 50,000 in population there will be a whole new source of funding available. The need for expanded service still exists. Letters of support were also submitted from Cindy Johnson with the Chamber of Commerce and Lynn Black with Central Community College.

4 9:45 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY BUDGET – Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

Accountant Brad Fegley was present. The Board had reviewed all of the budget information during the budget meetings.

Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and no one responded.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the public hearing for the county budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the 1% additional allowable increase. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR HALL COUNTY BUDGET – Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve Resolution #06 0070 of adoption and appropriations for Hall County Budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

9:50 a.m. public hearing final tax request for county budget rates – Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and non one responded.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION SETTING PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR HALL COUNTY – Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve Resolution #06 0071 setting the final tax request for the Hall County. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and no one responded.

11 DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN 2006 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD – Emergency Management Director Lela Lowry was present. She stated that this is the 2006 2007 homeland security grant that she applied for and Hall County was awarded \$519,479.00. She is requesting the county Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign this grant. They will be required to meet all of the conditions of the grant as listed in numbers 1 through 5.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the grant.

Hartman questioned if the dollars were going to be spend in Hall County. Ms Lowry stated that these are dollars spent in Hall County. She noted that in the grant application she requested 200 portable radios for the rural fire districts so they will be able to communicate with all of the other agencies and she also requested a new radio counsel and also equipment for the HAZMAT team that is regional. These requests were

included in the application but she does not know all of the specific requests that were funded. She will have that information later.

Jeffries stated that when the committee met the City, County Sheriff's office and the villages attended. Any one was welcome to attend.

The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

Held a Board of Equalization meeting

Held a Board of Corrections meeting

8 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF SAFETY DIRECTOR – Eriksen stated that this was discussed during the budget process and this position will be reassigned to the facilities director. These duties will be included in his job description.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to assign the duties of the safety director to the facility directors position

Discussion was held Arnold amended his motion and Lancaster seconded to add the additional pay of \$1,500.00 annually effective today. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL – Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

Chairman Eriksen stated that the executive session is to protect the reputation of an individual.

10:34 a.m. executive session

10:38 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go out of executive session. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster voted yes and Arnold, Hartman and Rye voted no. Motion carried.

7 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PAY SCALES FOR CAPTAINS AND SERGEANTS – Eriksen stated that the sheriff deputies will receive a 4.5% increase over the next two years and to avoid the deputies' salaries matching the captains and sergeants the Merit Commission presented a proposal to increase the captains and sergeants salaries. Mr. Eriksen distributed a copy of the proposed step scale. The committee met but did not come out with a recommendation. He proposed the following percentage of difference between ranks and top pay

	MERIT COMMISSION	BOARD PROPOSED
Deputies to Sergeants	20%	14.15%
Sergeants to Captains	14.6%	14.15%

The proposed step scale will be 8 steps for the sergeants and 10 steps for the captains. The sergeants and captains are not a bargaining unit; their salaries are set by the board. Arnold noted that it is important to stay competitive in the job market on the top pay. Jeffries stated that he agrees with the proposal that Mr. Eriksen presented. He also noted that this was the first time the merit commission had addressed salaries.

Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept the proposal for the sergeants and captains.

Discussion was held regarding the ranges and steps and percentage changes should be address for next year. Stacey reminded the board that they set the percentage increase for the department for the new budget years.

Hartman expressed concern that the increased for non union should all be the same. Eriksen stated that it was necessary to address this issue this fiscal year.

The vote on the motion to approve the proposal for the sergeants and captains was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Chairman Eriksen asked if there were any reports.

Hartman noted concerns on the staff secure funding at Mid Plains. He stated this program may be stopped and the board may need to address this issue.

Lancaster stated that Scott Dugan with Mid Plains is looking at ways to address this issue. The agencies need to meet and address this situation. There is consideration for a deter center but there will be a joint meeting to work out the details and Mr. Dugan will come with a proposal. Arnold questioned if this would affect the lease.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – John Amick provided the board members with information regarding the tour of the Courthouse and the Hall County Historical Society annual meeting.

The Board of Corrections meeting was recessed for a jail tour.

ROLL CALL FOR JAIL TOUR – Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Lancaster, Jeffries and Rye will attend the tour. The meeting will be adjourned when it is completed.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk